



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2013 Senate Bill 648

Senate Amendment 1

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2013 Senate Bill 648 generally relates to allowing county and municipal prisoners to be imprisoned in a bordering county within or outside of Wisconsin. Under the bill, a county may enter into a contract with a bordering county in a different state to detain or imprison certain prisoners. The bill specifies that the contract must include certain provisions, including a requirement “that the department of corrections **or** its equivalent agency or department in the receiving state” approve the facility in the receiving county to receive prisoners from the county sending prisoners from Wisconsin. [Emphasis added.]

Senate Amendment 1 resolves any ambiguity over whether the Wisconsin Department of Corrections’ approval of an out-of-state facility could satisfy the above mentioned contract requirement. The amendment provides that a contract for sending prisoners to a county outside of Wisconsin must include a requirement that “an equivalent agency or department to the department of corrections in the receiving state” approve the facility in the receiving county to receive prisoners from the county sending prisoners from Wisconsin.

Bill History

Senate Amendment 1 was introduced by Senators Harsdorf and Vinehout. The Senate adopted the amendment and passed the Senate Bill 648, as amended, on voice votes.

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